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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by FWP for the proposed purpose of granting funds to the Conrad Gun Club D.B.A. Pondera Shooting Sports Club for shooting range improvements. FWP is being asked to grant \$139,868.00 in funding towards construction of an indoor shooting facility, improvements on the trap range, and construction of a parking lot.

A draft EA was circulated for public comment for 30 days between June 25 and July 25, 2008. During this time period, legal notices announcing the availability of the EA were placed in the in the Conrad *Independent-Observer & Great Falls Tribune* and a news release was sent out from the FWP Region 4 office. There was also an article on 7/22/08 in the *Great Falls Tribune* describing the project.

FWP did not receive objections to the proposed project. Three written comments were received; all were in favor. Therefore, my decision is to proceed with awarding Conrad Gun Club D.B.A. Pondera Shooting Sports Club the shooting range development grant as described in the EA.

Sincerely,

Thomas Baumeister
Education Bureau Chief